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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE ON RIOS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

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1. THE BOLIVARIAN LIBERATION FORCE (FBL), THE HITHERTO
UNKNOWN GROUP WHICH HAS TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
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ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON CTV LEADER ANTONIO RIOS,
(REFTELS), HAS REPORTEDLY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH, INTER
ALIA, OUTLINES THE GROUP'S ORIGINS AND PURPOSE. "EL
NACIONAL" CARRIES IN ITS SEPT. 24 EDITION WHAT APPEARS TO
BE A PORTION OF THAT COMMUNIQUE.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE JUSTIFIES THE FBL'S EXISTENCE ON THE
BASIS OF A DECREE ISSUED BY SIMON BOLIVAR IN 1824 WHICH
AFFIRMED THAT ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL GUILTY OF TAKING PUBLIC
FUNDS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE DEATH PENALTY. THE DOCUMENT
DECLARES THAT THE FBL WILL GIVE NO CLEMENCY TO THE

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"PREDATORS OF THE PUBLIC TREASURY" AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE
"USURPED THE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE TO CONVERT DEMOCRACY
INTO A SYNONYM FOR ABUSE."

3. THE FBL COMMUNIQUE FURTHER ASSERTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF PRESIDENT PEREZ "HAS LOST ALL LEGITIMACY" AND IS AN
"ILLEGITIMATE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH IS
COMPROMISING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MOTHERLAND AND THE
LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE." IN A REFERENCE TO THE BOLIVARIAN
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MBR-200), THE FBL STATES THAT IT
SHARES WITH THE MBR AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THE DESIRE FOR
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT CRISIS, BUT INSISTS
THAT THE RAPACIOUSNESS OF THE USURPERS (THE GOV),
INCLUDING THEIR INSENSITIVITY TO THE FEBRUARY 4 REBELLION,
CONSTITUTES A FUNDAMENTAL OBSTACLE TO A PEACEFUL
RESOLUTION (NOTE THAT THE MBR HAS DENIED ANY CONNECTION
WITH THE FBL, REF B).

4. IN ADDITION, PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE AS PRINTED IN THE
PRESS INCLUDES A DISJOINTED SERIES OF SCANDALS AND
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INDIVIDUALS TIED TO THESE SCANDALS, WHICH THE FBL
CHARACTERIZES AS "UNPUNISHED CRIMES AND CRIMINALS." THIS
PARAGRAPH RECALLS THE ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE THREAT OF SEPT.
23 THAT RIOS WAS THE FIRST OF 127 INDIVIDUALS TARGETTED TO
BE KILLED FOR CORRUPTION (REF A). AMONG THOSE LISTED ARE
BLANCA IBANEZ, THE WIFE AND FORMER MISTRESS OF
EX-PRESIDENT LUSINCHI, WHO WAS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR
INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED POLITICAL
ASYLUM IN COSTA RICA; HER HUSBAND, JAIME LUSINCHI; CECILIA
MATOS, CAP'S MISTRESS AND FORMER SECRETARY WHO IS ALSO
UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ILLICIT ENRICHMENT; AND ORLANDO
GARCIA, THE FORMER CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR CAP.

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